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Financing The War.
Transvaal to Contribute Largely to Its Cost But How Not Stated.
Whole Public Given Opportunity to Subscribe for the Loan Required.
The Stay-at-Homes' Chance-- Miserly Foreigner Enriches the Exchequer.

London, March 5.—During the course of his address in presenting the financial budget to-day the Chancellor of the Exchequer, referring to his previously expressed opinion regarding the capacity of the Transvaal to bear a responsible share of the expenditure of the war, said he still adhered to that opinion, but he was bound to say that the events of the last five months and the claims which would undoubtedly be made by the loyal colonists of Natal for compensation for losses sustained at the hands of the Boers and the enormous increase in expenditures since he last spoke, had made him feel that the capacity of the Transvaal to bear the cost of the war was a less important factor, though it will still be a more potent factor than he estimated in October last.

The statement presented by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach shows that an expenditure of £154,082,000 has to be provided for in the budget of 1900-1901. The exchequer account of 1899-1900 would have given a surplus of upwards of £5,000,000, but that the supplementary war estimates of £23,000,000 made the expenditure exceed the revenue by £17,770,000.

From the abundant revenue of the year £5,500,000 surplus was available towards the war expenditures, bearing remarkable testimony to the extraordinary industrial activity, and commercial prosperity of 1899, which was, he hoped, one of the best years of prosperous years. The improvement was due to the style and progress of business and not to the war, which had in some respects militated against trade. The increase in foreign trade, both in imports and exports, was more than the previous year. There had been a remarkable increase in the receipts from the death duties, totalling £17,441,000, of which £2,271,000 was from the estates of millionaires, including £800,000 from the estate of one man, a foreigner, who lived on fifteen shillings a day in a West End London club. That one person, he continued, however unwillingly, had contributed to the exchequer more than the cost of an ironclad. (The foreigner referred to is the late George Smith, the pioneer banker of India, who died October 7, 1899, in his rooms at the Reform Club, London.)

Explaining the proposed loan, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach said he believed it would be a mistake to try to raise it by a new issue of consols, as it would create a permanent debt which the nation could not pay off at par until 1923. He thought it would be better that part of the £35,000,000 be reserved, say in amounts not exceeding £5,000,000 for a further issue of treasury bonds. The rest he proposed to raise by bonds or stocks. He had reason to believe it would be possible to make such an issue on very reasonable terms and he hoped to do so in a way not to insure profits for the few great and wealthy persons, but bring the whole public into the war loan and enable them to be of some assistance to the country.

The Chancellor desired a resolution passed enabling him to borrow in the manner described without fettering him as to the precise terms of the issue. He did not propose at present to make any special provision to pay off this loan, but would leave that to the future. It would be premature to do so, before they knew the total liabilities, and especially before they know how much could be expected from the Transvaal. He added: "We have ample means to meet what might fall on ourselves. Our soldiers are the best in the world, and they are equal to their forefathers, and the great colonies have eagerly taxed themselves with men and money for the Empire. Should those who are sitting at home show themselves to be financial cowards we leave the matter in the hands of the house, being assured they will begrudge no effort and shrink from no sacrifice which the honor of the country and duty to the Empire demands."

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman said the opposition would give every facility for the passage of the necessary resolution. He complimented Sir Michael Hicks-Beach on the "straightforward, statesmanlike and discreet measures," proposed to deal with the financial difficulties, and said he thought the government would be met in no grudging spirit in prospecting its financial propositions. Very properly, he added, a considerable proportion of the burden would fall on the shoulders of the income taxpayers.

Timothy Healy, Irish Nationalist, protested against Ireland having to pay anything towards the war expenses, asserting that not a penny had been expended in Ireland. Germany, the United States and Brazil all had a share except Ireland. The tax on whisky, he further asserted, was an attempt to bleed Ireland. Let the diamond stock brokers, said Mr. Healy, "those who are making money out of the war, pay the cost. Let the colonies share the burden, Canada and Australia, who are so keen for war."

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Liberal, complimented the chancellor for his financial principles, but said the government intended to insure that the Transvaal would pay a large percentage of the cost of the war. He added: "It is said we are fighting for liberty and freedom; that then there is a prospect of millionaires like Mr. Beit and Mr. Rhodes having the taxation of the Transvaal at their own disposal. Of course, the government would not think of oppressing by a centralized taxation from England, and while England is being taxed for the war, it will be interesting to know how the government intends to realize on the

vague, misty expectations of gentlemen who will be putting millions into their pockets as a result of the war. How are these men to be made to pay? If it is going to be done and independent taxation, I do not believe the Imperial government will get it. But if all these burdens are imposed on the British people they should take some security by getting control of the funds in South Africa."

The house this evening has adopted the government's budget proposals.

The rush to clear goods from bond continued to-day, the London custom house alone taking in £480,000, sixteen times the amount of an ordinary day's clearances. On Saturday £281,000 was paid in duty. As the day progressed the officials were wholly unable to cope with the enormous business and had to requisition the police to turn back the crowds of merchants. Similar scenes were witnessed at Liverpool, Glasgow and other large towns.

POINTER FROM OTTAWA.
Lieut.-Governor's Official Life Hangs on Mr. Martin's Success at the Polls.
From Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, March 5.—In the Senate to-day Senator Macdonald drew attention to the political situation in British Columbia. The Lieutenant-Governor, he said, was going from bad to worse. Twelve months ago he dismissed a government before the elections were over, and now he dismissed another government and called in a man discarded by both parties in the legislature. He hoped the Dominion government would find some way to end the dead-lock.

Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice, expressed no opinion on the Lieutenant-Governor's conduct. Under parliamentary government, he said, the ministry must have the confidence of the people. A lieutenant-governor who dismissed his advisers and went to the people took his life in his own hands.

Horsemen Head For Mafeking
Force Despatched From Kimberley to Make End of Boer Investment.

British Troops Make it Convenient to Pass That Way to Pretoria.

Capetown, March 5.—A strong force of British, including the Kimberley Light Horse, is marching northward from Kimberley. It is expected that the crossing of the Vaal river will be disputed at Fourteen Streams, where the railway bridge has been wrecked.

London, March 5.—As an incident of the British main objective, which is at last clearly outlined as being Pretoria, the relief of Mafeking by a force from the south may be expected any day. Col. Plumer's force on the north seeming incapable of accomplishing it.

SAPHO IS TOO LOUD.
New York Police Court Puts Veto on Olga Nethersole's Play and Wal-lack's Closes.

New York, March 5.—Wallack's Theatre remained closed to-night. Olga Nethersole, who has been playing the leading part in Sappho, Hamilton Revelle, the leading man, Marcus Meyer, manager of the company, and Theodore Moss, lessee of the theatre, were each held in \$500 bail for trial in special session to-day by Magistrate Mott of the Central street police court. They were charged with producing a play that offended public decency, the complaints being made from the office of the district attorney. The parties defended were paroled in custody of their counsel until Wednesday when they will again appear in Centre street court and give bail of \$500 each.

Col. Gardiner at once gave information of the decision to Chief of Police Devery.

The chief notified the theatrical authorities interested that every participant in the play would be arrested if radical changes were not made. The management decided that the required changes in the play could not be made on such short notice and the house was closed for the night.

STEYN MOST TO BLAME.
Free State President Stiffened Kruger to Provoke the British to Arms.

Capetown, March 5.—There are no further details of the conference of Presidents Kruger and Steyn respecting peace negotiations. Africans in London have never ceased to regard Steyn as more directly responsible than Kruger for the outbreak of the war, and they now assert that he will be the first to suggest retirement from a hopeless conflict. Steyn, in their estimation, is an ambitious schemer without Kruger's sturdy qualities and inflexibility.

SEVEN BURNED TO DEATH.
Victims of Fire at Sailors' Lodging House in New York.

New York, March 5.—Seven lives were lost in yesterday's fire in a ship lodging house, the Garfield house, at 44, 46 and 48, New Bowery. Of five bodies at the morgue these three were identified: C. Buttle, John Clark and Jacob Rice. Three men are missing. Two of the victims, Stephen Kearney and Martin Gallagher, have since died.

BULLER'S CASUALTIES.
London, March 5.—Gen. Buller's revised list of casualties from February 14 to February 27 gives 93 men killed, 684 wounded and 25 missing.

Bushmen to Track Boers
Latest Call to Australia Looks to the Suppression of Guerillas.

Raiding in Northern Cape Colony Calls for the Extension of Martial Law.

Cecil Rhodes and Commander at Kimberley Disagreed as to Policy.

London, March 6, 5 a.m.—Mafeking is to be relieved as soon as the British force already on the way from Kimberley can raise the siege. This force is described as strong. The Kimberley Light Horse is mentioned as a component. In view of the fact that the Kimberley Light Horse is under the control of the De Beers company Lord Roberts' visit to Kimberley probably had to do with an arrangement with Cecil Rhodes to use this company's troops.

Mr. Rhodes and Col. Kekewich have had differences of policy, it appears, which did not end with the relief of Kimberley. "What shall I do with him," Col. Kekewich is said to have wired to Lord Roberts, who half humorously replied, according to a story circulated at the clubs: "Put him in chains."

Fresh intelligence as to what Lord Roberts is doing has ceased again. This silence is taken to mean that something has happened or is about to happen.

Boer raiders are uncommonly active on the northwestern section of Cape Colony, where they are stirring up the Dutch. Martial law has consequently been declared.

Mr. Chamberlain's request for 2,500 additional Australian bushmen is understood to be explained by the fact that the war office requires this force for the pursuit of irreconcilable Boers who, according to the intelligence department, must have been quietly collecting great quantities of ammunition and stores in the mountain fastnesses in the north of the Transvaal, where they are preparing to carry on a guerilla warfare.

UNDER MARTIAL LAW.
High Commissioner Extends Proclamation to Another Disaffected District.

Capetown, March 5.—Sir Alfred Milner issued the following proclamation: "Whereas the enemy's forces have invaded the districts of Prieska, Kenhardt, British Town, and Barkley West, and whereas many British subjects have taken up arms and are warring it is necessary to repel invasion and suppress rebellion, now, therefore, martial law is hereby proclaimed in these districts."

PASSENGERS MAKE MERRY.
Great Events of the War Arouse Enthusiasm on Atlantic Liner.

New York, March 5.—The morning papers tell of a "war incident" in the first cabin of the steamship Lucania, which arrived in port yesterday. The Lucania took a pilot off Scotland lightship on Saturday evening. He took on board a big bundle of New York papers telling of the surrender of Cronje, relief of Ladysmith and the other victories of the British soldiers in Africa since the Lucania sailed from Liverpool. When the British passengers heard the news that was so welcome to them when they grabbed the papers, devoured the news and cheered with joy. The discussion over the probable outcome of the war became more heated than ever and lasted far into the night in the smoking room.

Among the passengers was Sir Wernham D. Pearson, M.P. In his enthusiasm he privately told the steward to see that at breakfast next morning each first-class passenger should be supplied with champagne. When the saloon passengers gathered round the table each found a wine glass beside his plate and abundant material with which to fill the glass. Dr. J. L. Egbert, of Springfield, Mass., arose and made an anti-Boer speech, at the conclusion of which he proposed the health of the Queen. The breakfast party broke up with cheers for the Queen, President McKinley and Lord Roberts.

CAVALRY IN SKIRMISH.
While Tracking Party of Boers They Are Attacked in Rear by Another Small Body.

Osfontein, March 3.—Gen. French yesterday evening noticed a body of Boers trekking northwest, and sent a squadron last night to keep in touch with them. This morning the troops were followed by about 150 Boers, who advanced around a hill, but retired precipitately when the British shelled them. The Boers then opened a heavy fire with Maxims and also began firing from a kopje in the centre of the position with a long-range 15-pounder. The Boers' trekking in consequence of Gen. French's movement was temporarily stopped.

BOERS PETITIONING.
Los Angeles, Cal., March 5.—A call has been issued by the Boer sympathizers here for a mass meeting on Wednesday night to frame a petition to the United States government asking that the United States intervene in the interest of peace in the Transvaal.

Roberts Sights Another Prize.

His Force Strongly Placed Holds Boers in Precarious Position.

Enemy Cannot Fight to Advantage Nor Retreat Without Fatal Exposure.

London, March 6.—A despatch from Osonfontein, dated Saturday, March 4, says:

"Lord Roberts' army now occupies a most advantageous position. The Sixth Division under Gen. Kelly-Kenny is posted on the right and holds all the kopjes for a distance of five miles south of the Modder river. The Seventh Division under General Tucker, is in the centre, immediately south of the river, and General Colville with the Ninth Division is on the north bank. The cavalry brigade under General French is posted on the left front and the mounted infantry under Col. Riddle-Martin on the right front. The country around consists of wide grass plains, broken only by ridges and isolated kopjes.

"A body of the enemy has taken up a position on one side of the latter, a flat topped hill to the north of the river five miles beyond General French, who today took out horse artillery and shelled them.

"Another force of 4,000 strong holds an isolated group of kopjes south of the Modder and in front of the British mounted infantry. Their position is surrounded on all sides by level plains, over which the Boers must make their way in order to reach a river. As a consequence, their situation appears precarious in the extreme.

"The yield is now in beautiful condition. Water is plentiful, supplies being obtainable not only in the river but also from numerous small springs. The health and spirits of the troops are excellent. The British cavalry and mounted infantry have been reconnoitering the enemy's positions. There has been little fighting."

Dordrecht, March 5.—Gen. Brabant has scored a complete victory over the Boers. They are in full retreat with their guns and wagons, and are being pursued.

Sterkstroom, March 5.—(Evening)—Gen. Gatacre entered Sterkstroom, imposed today. The Boers destroyed the railway approach, but the station is intact.

COL. PLUMER'S MARCH. London, March 6.—A despatch to the Times from Bulwer, dated February 27, says:

"Col. Plumer yesterday occupied the position at Crecodille Pools which the Boers evacuated February 25. It is not known whether the enemy have taken another position or been ordered to retreat owing to the events in the south."

KRUGER'S CRUEL CANT. In Religion's Name Beseeching Burglars to Make Further Sacrifices in Hopeless Cause.

London, March 5.—A special to the Times from Lorenzo Marques, dated March 4, says that persistent reports continue to prevail that the Transvaal government has opened negotiations looking to the securing of peace. On the other hand it is asserted that the Boers will make a stand at Glencoe and Laing's Nek, and that in the meantime the entrenchments at Pretoria are being extended in anticipation of a siege.

A conference between the Boer president, it is added, and the General commanding the Boers in Northern Natal was hurriedly arranged on the receipt of the news of Cronje's surrender. Until then the official confirmation of the surrender was withheld from the public. Kruger sent a fervid religious appeal, with orders that it should be read by all the officers to the burghers, urging them to stand fast and strike in the name of the Lord, for unless they had faith in Him, cowardice would set in and their position would be hopeless the moment they turned their backs to the enemy. Their past victories, he declared, showed that the Lord was on their side. The president beseeched the burghers not to bring destruction on their progeny.

Continuing the special says that a high authority in Bloemfontein declares that on the repulse of the Free State forces the latter will retire towards the Transvaal and unite with their brethren there, maintaining the struggle to the last.

The Boer casualties at Colenso during the week ended February 25 are reported to be 31 men killed and 130 wounded.

BULLER'S AWFUL TASK. Examination of Boer Positions Makes Work of His Force Seem Almost Superhuman.

London, March 6.—The Times publishes the following despatch from Ladysmith, dated March 2:

"Until I had crossed the Tugela I did not realize the nature of the ground and the system of the Boer rifle entrenchments. How these final positions were ever forced by 15,000 men seems marvellous. It convinces me that the British infantry is unequalled, and that the relief column accomplished an almost superhuman task."

RELY ON AFRIKANDERS. Boer Leaders Look to Rebellion in Cape Colony as Only Chance For Terms.

Brussels, March 6.—The Transvaal agency here confirms the statement that President Kruger is ready to conclude peace with Great Britain on the basis of the independence of the two republics, and that otherwise the struggle will continue to the bitter end. The agency believes that the Afrikaner element in Cape Colony and Natal will rebel rather than allow annexation.

PLANING MILL BURNED. St. Catharines, March 5.—The large planing mill of Wilson & Co., was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is about \$30,000. It was insured for about half.

VANCOUVER NEWS NOTES.

Memorial Services for Dead Volunteers—Old Man's Suicide—Chinese Revolutionists.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, March 5.—Memorial services for the Canadian dead in South Africa were conducted by Bishop Dart and Archdeacon Pentreath in Christ Church yesterday. Sixty veterans and the mayor and council paraded with the Sixth Battalion to the church. Hundreds could not gain admittance. The sermon preached by Archdeacon Pentreath was very affecting and the services grandly solemn.

Louis Simpson committed suicide yesterday at Seveston by cutting his throat. He had not been seen for some time, and his friends went to bid him to look for him. They found him dead, his throat cut from ear to ear. He had recently expressed a wish for death, as he was old, poor and alone.

The Chinese Reform Association of the Empire held a big mass meeting here last night and decided to banquet their leader for America, Long Ki Tin, now in Victoria, on his arrival here. Yip Sing, who acted as chairman, stated that a big convention will be held in Victoria next Monday for the purpose of organizing and preparing for a strike at the now dominant party in China, who had placed the yoke of oppression on the people of China.

THE PHILIPPINE WAR.

Enemy Retreat in Face of Gen. Bate's Advance Through Southern Luzon.

Manila, March 5.—(4:45 p. m.)—Gen. Bate's expedition to Southern Luzon, consisting of the 40th and 45th regiments of 300 men, has occupied Nueva Caceres, province of South Camarines; Daet, province of North Camarines, and the neighboring smaller towns. The enemy resisted at one point and two Americans were killed, including Lieut. John B. Gallagher of the 40th regiment.

On February 20 the expedition arrived at San Miguel Bay, landed, and in three columns pushed inland, converging upon Nueva Caceres and attempting to control the enemy's routes of retreat. At Libmanan, north of Nueva Caceres, the enemy was concealed in the rice fields and resisted a battalion of the 40th regiment, which engaged them at close quarters. A force of 40 minutes fighting the enemy fled and Libmanan was occupied. The Americans buried 64 of the enemy, whose total loss in killed and wounded is estimated at 140.

From Libmanan the expedition proceeded to Nueva Caceres, the gunboat Paragua arriving ten minutes ahead of the troops. The town was found practically deserted. The Americans daily scouting in the vicinity reported that the enemy have retreated into the mountains.

DRIVING THEM HOME.

Boers Rapidly Vanishing From Northern Cape Colony as the British Appear in Force.

New York, March 5.—Specials from London to the morning papers thus summarize the South African war situation as gleaned from the correspondents at the front.

"The Boers are in full retreat from Cape Colony to Orange River. General Clements has driven the rear guard of the enemy across Colesberg bridge and is preparing to invade the Free State. The Boers are in force at Norval's Pont.

General Brabant attacked rebels in an entrenched position near Jamestown after a night march. Stormberg is still held by a small Boer force, which is dwindling daily, and Gen. Gatacre is gradually rendering their position untenable.

British reinforcements have been received and it is probable that the entire district south of the Orange River will be cleared of the enemy and pacified in the course of a few weeks.

THE SYNDICATE SWINDLE.

Clerk Held in Expectation That He Will Turn States Evidence.

New York, March 5.—Cecil Leslie, who was press agent for Miller of 520 per cent. fame, and who was captured in Cleveland and brought to New York, pleaded not guilty to two indictments in the county court in Brooklyn to-day. Leslie was arraigned before Judge Aspinwall. One indictment charges him with grand larceny in the second degree and the other with conspiracy. Judge Aspinwall assigned Frederick E. Crane to defend Leslie. After pleading, he was taken to the Raymond street gaol. Leslie refused to discuss his arrest, but had a long consultation with District Attorney Clark before he was arraigned. There was a rumor about the court that he might turn state's evidence and testify against Miller.

FUGITIVE YAKUS.

Troops Will Prevent Their Entering United States to Escape Mexican Justice.

Washington, March 5.—It is said at the war department that no advice have been received as to the coming of the Yakus and consequently no orders have been issued either from the department or so far as it is known from General Merriam, who is in Washington now. It is further stated that no order from Washington would be necessary even if the rumor were true, as the military commanders along the border line between the United States and Mexico have standing instructions to head off any Indian bands fleeing from Mexican justice and discipline.

DRAFT FOR ROYAL CANADIANS.

Places Vacated by Casualties to Be Filled Without Delay.

Ottawa, March 5.—It is authoritatively stated that the government will at once arrange for drafting a hundred or hundred and twenty-five men, with three officers to take the places of the Canadians killed or permanently disabled in South Africa. It is intended that these men shall leave for the front on the 15th. It is understood the men will be selected from each of the provinces as in the case of the first contingent.

MOTHER'S FAVORITE.

Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine is mother's favorite remedy for croup, bronchitis, asthma, coughs, colds and sore throat. It has by it the largest sale of any remedy for croup, and is sold by all druggists. It is an absolute safeguard against consumption and pneumonia. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 90 cents.

Militia Called To Halifax

Western Sixty Given Less Than Ten Days to Prepare for a Year's Service.

Poll Tax on Japanese Scouted—Two Strathcona Lieutenants for Vancouver.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 5.—The provisional battalion to garrison Halifax will consist of 1,000 of all ranks, to serve for one year. British Columbia is to supply 60 men. The pay of the active militia will be allowed. Col. Vidal will be temporarily in command. The Western company is to concentrate at Ottawa by the 22nd instant.

In the senate to-day Hon. David Mills scouted Senator Macdonald's suggestion to impose a poll tax on Japanese.

Montague Fraser and Guy Kirkpatrick, of Vancouver, have been given lieutenancies in Strathcona's.

The house was engaged all day discussing the flag incident at Montreal on Friday.

Col. Prior has introduced a bill to enable the government to promote deserving officers to the full rank of colonel.

HOSPITAL SHIP MAINE.

Americans Reminded That It Is Free Will Offering and Invited to Contribute.

New York, March 5.—Those interested in raising funds for the maintenance of the hospital ship Maine have issued a statement, in which it is stated that the movement to aid the sick and wounded in battle in South Africa is essentially an American one. It is added that the hospital ship was presented by an American, fitted up as a hospital ship by an American; that the work is carried on by Americans; that it is all a free will offering to help the sick and wounded of both sides in the field of battle in South Africa. It is also said that all contributions will be received at the office of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co.

FINANCING A CONTRACT.

One Million Dollars Advanced to Speed Work on New York Rapid Transit Lines.

New York, March 5.—The assignment of the contract for the Rapid Transit railroad obtained from the city by John B. McDonald from him to the Rapid Transit Company was filed to-day in the office of the county clerk. By agreement the subway company advances Mr. McDonald one million dollars, for which he has given notes payable in one year, with the option of an extension for a second year, and on the expiration of that time for a third year, at the option of the company. The company is to have sole charge of the work and receive all moneys for construction. McDonald is to do nothing in connection with it except as provided by the corporation.

KITCHENER'S STYLE.

American Press Attributes with Admiration the Character of an Uncouth Bully.

New York, March 5.—Letters received from officers at Capetown describe Gen. Roberts as the flower of courtesy, and Kitchener as a man of business. Says the Truth's London correspondent: "A staff officer of the Engineers told Gen. Roberts that he could do certain work assigned to him in the course of a fortnight. 'I am sure,' said Gen. Roberts, 'that you will do as well as you can.' 'On the reconnoissance of the enemy, how much time he would require for the job? 'A fortnight,' was the answer. Kitchener smiled grimly. 'Either you will do it in a week,' he said, 'or you will be sent home.' The work was finished in a week. It is this fearless, exacting energy of Kitchener that is putting England's work through in Africa."

PRETORIA CONSUL REPORTS.

Washington, March 5.—A cablegram received at the state department to-day from Adolph Hay, United States consul at Pretoria, indicates that he is having no trouble in the official discharge of his functions, and especially as he is unharmed by the Boer officials, with whom he seems to be on an excellent footing, securing any information desired as to the condition of British soldiers.

COMMERCIAL CABLE COMPANY.

New York, March 5.—The annual meeting of the Commercial Cable Company was held to-day. The new directors will meet to-morrow and elect officers. An innovation in the methods of dealing with the employees of the company was arranged for, and it will be decided to allow the men to subscribe for a limited amount of the stock at par, thus interesting the employees in the management of the company. The outgoing officers were re-elected.

INDIAN TREATIES.

Washington, March 5.—The most important bills passed in the house to-day were one to ratify a treaty with the Comanche, Kiowa and Apache Indians and open their lands for settlement, and one to authorize the secretary of the interior to negotiate with the Kiowa and Comanches for a neutral strip in Oklahoma.

Dysentery in its worst forms will yield to the use of Carter's Little Nerve Pills. They not only relieve present distress, but strengthen the stomach and digestive apparatus.

FLEET MOBILIZATION.

London, March 5.—The mobilization of a powerful fleet began yesterday evening at Torbay. Fifteen battleships arrived.

STUDENTS QUIET AGAIN.

Montreal, March 5.—Saturday night passed off peacefully, the students not making a disturbance.

LADYSMITH'S BRAVE STORY.

Correspondents Give to the World Pathetic Incidents of the Siege.

Durban, March 2.—The newspaper correspondents who have reached here from Ladysmith say that the enthusiasm of the garrison and inhabitants of the beleaguered town was intense when the relieving column arrived. Many people left the hospital, and even the women and children went forth to greet the new comers. It was noticeable that the latter were even more demonstrative, cheering the women and children, whom they were proud to have saved.

The correspondents believe that the garrison could have held out until April, though rations would necessarily have been reduced to a minimum. The men of the garrison could not acquire a rest and the horses are much wasted.

The correspondents pay a high tribute to the courage and heroism of the women. Never a complaint was heard from them in spite of their unexampled privations and their endurance and courage were beyond praise.

Sad sights were often witnessed when the sparse rations were being drawn. Children would pathetically seek milk for their sick mothers. The women and children were estimated at 500.

Though there was much sickness arising from the horse-meat diet and absence of farinaceous foods, the epidemic period was safely passed. Dr. Jameson is suffering from typhoid fever.

Col. Buller entered the town at noon escorted only by his staff. His bronzed appearance was very striking. He said he had not entered a bed for three weeks. The Boers exchanged shots with the relieving forces, who saw a few corpses lying around.

It is believed the Boers are retreating to Glencoe.

The correspondents eulogize Generals White and Hunter.

OBITUARY.

Kingston, March 5.—Rev. Richard Whiting, one of the oldest known ministers in the Montreal Methodist conference, is dead, at the age of eighty years.

Toronto, March 5.—Rev. John E. Lancelotti, a well known Methodist minister, who has supplied churches in the London, Niagara and Toronto conferences, died at his residence, Oak street, at an early hour this morning of pneumonia. He was at the time of death pastor of Parliament Street church.

Richmond, March 5.—Sergeant Marks, well known as caretaker at the ride range at Point St. Charles, Montreal, is about ten or twelve years ago, when the ranges were cleared, died suddenly here this morning as he was seeking news of the war at the telegraph office. He was eighty years of age.

GRAIN CARRIER WRECKED.

Montreal, March 5.—he agents of the Elder-Deviser line in this city have received advices from Yarmouth, N.S., which indicate beyond a doubt that their chartered steamer Planet Mercury, bound from Portland, Me., to Bristol, with cargo of grain and other merchandise, the owners of which are nearly all Montrealers, has been wrecked off the coast of Nova Scotia.

A WONDERFUL RECOVERY.

London, March 5.—Among the wounded soldiers who arrived at Southampton to-day from South Africa was Private O'Leary, who was shot in the head at Colenso, the bullet lodging in his brain and leaving him speechless and paralyzed. Sir William Barrington, who is in command of the regiment, expected the bullet, and O'Leary has since practically recovered his senses.

AN M.P. DYING.

Toronto, March 5.—Geo. H. Bertman, M.P. Centre Toronto, Liberal, took a turn for the worse on Saturday, and is now in a critical condition, no hope of his recovery being entertained. He has been ill for several months.

MINERS' ASSESSMENT WORK.

Order-in-Council to Elucidate the Meaning of the Statute.

An extra of the British Columbia Gazette issued yesterday contains the following proclamation: "Whereas there is doubt as to the true intent of section 5 of the Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1898, and of section 26 (as amended) of the Mineral Act, regarding the recording of assessment work and the payment of money, together amounting to the value of \$500, and the time or times when such records may be made before a certificate of improvements for a mineral claim may be issued."

"On the recommendation of the honorable the Minister of Mines."

"His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, by and with the advice of his executive council, and under the provisions of section 143 of the Mineral Act, has been pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows, that it is to say:

"That the said sections 5 and 26 be and are hereby interpreted so as to permit a free miner who has applied by affidavit (Form G, as amended, of the Mineral Act) for a certificate of improvements to receive and record a certificate or certificates of work for all or any assessment work done by him or his predecessor in title since the recording of the mineral claim, in excess of the value thereof, which he has already obtained a certificate or certificates of work, provided that at the time of applying for such additional certificate or certificates of work, such claim is still in good standing in the office of the mining recorder, and has not been abandoned or otherwise been invalid, and provided that in the particular case above referred to the affidavit required by section 24 of the Mineral Act shall state the total amount of work done in each year since the date of record of the mineral claim, and the value thereof for each of such years, also the value of the work as well as the years for which he has already received and recorded a certificate or certificates of work."

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SAMOAAN TROUBLE.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 5.—According to mail advices the Samoa Herald predicts grave complications in connection with a serious native disturbance in the island of Savaii on February 3.

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THE INDEFATIGABLE.

San Juan de Porto Rico, March 5.—The British cruiser Indefatigable has arrived here.

DIED.

GERIKEN.—In this city, on the 5th inst., Frederick Gierken, a native of Germany, aged 70 years.

The remains will be forwarded to Montreal, for interment there.

NICHOLSON.—At the residence of his brother (Mr. Thos. Nicholson), Arcadia street, Caulfield, on the 4th inst., George Nicholson, a native of County Kerry, Ireland; aged 70 years. The funeral will take place TO-DAY (Tuesday), March 6, at 2:30 p.m., at the residence as above, and at the Riformed Episcopal church at 3:30 p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation.

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A PRACTICAL SAW GUMMER (married) with experience with wood-working machinery. Situation in box factory or planning mill preferred. Address "Macchilist," Colonist.

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WANTED—to buy house and lot on the installment plan; must be cheap. Please state terms, also street and number. Address "Lot," this office.

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All persons indebted to the estate of the deceased are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness forthwith, and all persons having claims against the said estate are required to send particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before the 15th March, 1900.

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WHAT OF THE PEOPLE?
We have heard a good deal during the last day or two of certain actual and would-be political leaders. We have been told that one gentleman was entitled to support, that another had claims which ought not to be ignored, that there ought to be a campaign against certain individuals, that the time is ripe for starting out on a federal lines campaign, and there are several places yet to hear from. There have been meetings here, there and everywhere of gentlemen with personal or party aspirations in view. But as yet no one seems to think it worth while to take the people into account. Now we have a statement to make, namely that there is not a man before the people of British Columbia to-day, in the capacity of a leader or would-be leader of a political party, who has any personal claim upon the electors whatever, and that the time has come when "measures, not men," must be the watchword of the voters.
On Thursday last the Colonist indicated the general lines upon which it believed the affairs of the province should be carried on. The strongest approbation of the views then expressed has come from private individuals, some of whom representing large business interests, but no politician or no aggregation of politicians has thought it necessary to say a word publicly to take politics out of the rut of personalities, or strike a higher note than that of office-seeking. The country has waited for the word, but it has not been spoken. Those to whom it has been accustomed to look for leadership have shown no disposition to lead. There are plenty of men quite ready to take office; but there never was a dearth of such in this or any other part of the world.
What British Columbia needs to-day above and beyond anything else is a strong and progressive policy. Mr. Martin gave out a political pronouncement a few days ago, but if it has met with endorsement from any quarter, the fact has escaped our notice. The policy needed is one that will appeal to all the great interests, to those engaged in mining, those engaged in mercantile pursuits, those who earn their living by manual labor, those who depend upon agriculture, those whose chief capital is their faith in the country and themselves and who care little what men hold office so long as the affairs of the country are conducted on lines that will ensure prosperity.
But generalities are not what is needed now. The people have a right to something specific. Therefore we say that in our view the composition of the next legislature ought to be such as will ensure legislation along certain well-defined lines. The light upon business resulting from the ill-advised legislation of 1899 must be removed first of all. This should take precedence over everything else, for if investment is to be paralyzed and labor is to remain unemployed, there is no use of projecting enterprises calculated to develop the province under normal conditions. The law excluding aliens from our placers must be repealed, and workmen must be given the privilege of contracting out of the eight-hour law, if they so desire. We have no objection to a universal eight-hour day being established by law, that is to legislation declaring that eight hours shall constitute a legal day's work in all cases where the contrary is not agreed upon between the parties, but we contend that no legislature should be guilty of the tyranny of saying that any man shall be compelled to remain idle for sixteen hours out of every twenty-four.
We contend now, as we have all along contended, that the province ought to enter upon a line of policy which will insure its development by railways. Two lines seem to us to be entitled to the first place in the consideration of the legislature, namely a line from the Coast to Kootenay and one to the northern end of Vancouver Island. We are quite open to conviction that other lines call for immediate consideration, but speak of these because we know most about them.
We hold that the relations between the Province and the Dominion ought to be taken up and adjusted. These include the mutual co-operation of the two governments in works of development, the definition of the respective powers of the two legislative bodies in the matter of railway charters, and some other subjects.
All questions affecting labor ought to be handled with firmness and disposed of in such a manner as to remove them once and for all out of politics. The proper way in which to treat the

problem raised by Oriental competition must necessarily be considered, and should be dealt with as a whole and not in a local or fragmentary way. It is very evident that much will depend upon the line of action taken by the Dominion parliament in respect to Oriental immigration. There has never been a really honest attempt to dispose of this much vexed issue, which has hitherto been employed chiefly as the tool of demagoguery.
The agricultural interests of the province call for intelligent consideration in order that the very important industry of husbandry in its several ramifications may be promoted. The governments of all the other provinces have been able to discover practical ways in which agriculture and kindred industries could be rendered more prosperous, and it is only reasonable to suppose that the same thing can be done in British Columbia.
The construction of roads, trails and bridges should be carried on as rapidly as the business and colonization of the country requires, and if necessary money should be borrowed for this purpose.
Owing to the rapid changes in the distribution of population, frequent redistributions in the representation of in the general assembly are necessary. In settling upon a basis of representation, population, area and the claims of the several business interests of the province ought to be taken into account.
We believe that the laws relating to mining corporations, the control of crown lands and some other matters vest too much power in the hands of the government of the day, and that they should be so amended that neither the investment of capital nor the efforts of home-seekers shall be subject to the interference of those who are for the time being members of the executive council, but that there should be definite laws, which all persons can read and interpret for themselves without having to take account of political influence with the government.
Such are some of the matters to which we think the attention of the people of British Columbia can be directed with better results than to the aims of would-be leaders or the schemes of party organizations. We have endeavored to present our views upon them in a general way, and admit that wide latitude must be allowed for differences of opinion as to details. But upon the general principles and upon such few details as have been above mentioned, we feel that the great majority of the people of British Columbia will heartily unite.
UNCLE SAM'S TROUBLES.
Our neighbors to the south have an assorted lot of troubles of their own on hand, compared to which our South African problem is simplicity itself. When we have defeated the Boers there will be no South African problem, and we are going to defeat them. But when our neighbors have defeated the Filipinos their troubles will only have begun. Puerto Rico is going to give them a foretaste of what is in store for them. This island now belongs to the United States, and as it is a very fertile piece of territory its trade is likely to be valuable. The great majority of the people of the United States would apparently like to see free trade established with the island, or in other words to bring it within the operation of the United States tariff, which would shut out all other countries from the share of the business, which they have hitherto had. To this the sugar trust and the tobacco trust object, and on top of their objection comes a protest from most of the European powers, exclusive of Great Britain. These powers say that if they are to stand by the "open door" agreement as to China, the United States must not close any doors in the face of trade with her newly acquired possessions, a proposition which seems not lacking in reasonableness. Then there are some people in the United States who say that if the tariff laws are to be extended to Puerto Rico the excise laws must also, but to do this would prevent the manufacture of the cheap cigar, which all the people use, and also the distillation of cheap rum, which sells at 40 cents a gallon. The idea of permitting the Puerto Ricans to frame their own tariff does not seem to be contemplated by any one. The "freedom" accorded to the people of this island appears to consist of relief from Spanish rule and the substitution of the American trusts. Of course the tangle will be straightened out, and in the end to the best interests of all concerned, but it is a bad one just the same.
But if Puerto Rico is a source of trouble, what about the Philippines, with their 10,000,000 Malaysians? If Great Britain had the handling of this matter, the government would be given an absolutely free hand, and a benevolent despotism would be set up, which would gradually be transformed into representative institutions, as the people became accustomed to their changed conditions. Unfortunately for our neighbors everything in that country becomes a matter of party politics, and those having the settlement of great questions must always keep in mind the presidential elections, and there are in public life in the United States an unlimited number of doctrinaires—men who are strong in theories but weak in facts. Thus we are told over and over again that governments derive their authority from the consent of the

governed, which principle it carried out regardless of facts would compel the United States to withdraw from the Philippines. Again, we are told that every person living under the flag of the United States is entitled to equal rights, by which rule every Malayan in the archipelago is entitled forthwith to become a citizen, indeed is a citizen of the United States, whether he wants to be or not, and has the right to send representatives to congress and help make the laws, and to come over himself and compete with his white fellow-citizen in the labor market. To practical men this seems clearly out of the question; but it is not so very easy to say what to do to meet the case presented. The necessities of the United States have not yet led to the evolution of a scheme of government applicable to the Philippines. There is not much use in an outsider proffering any advice, but if there were we should say to our neighbors that they may easily be in too much of a hurry in this matter. When they have established their authority over the archipelago, so as to feel confident that the end of armed resistance is in sight—and this will apparently not be for a little time yet—they can advantageously take a breathing spell, simply providing for sufficient revenue to meet the expenses of government for a year or two, and allowing the influence of time to get in its work.
We think the patriotic committee might very well take some method of acknowledging the thoughtful and kind resolution of sympathy passed by the American-British League of Seattle.
The Times takes no stock in the revival of the party lines movement by some of its political friends in Vancouver. We observe also that Mr. Martin denies that he is in sympathy with any such step.
A correspondent objects to anyone saying that the government has "control of the legislature." We admit that the expression is not a happy one, but do not think anyone is misled by it. But we remind him that a majority of the house so resolved on Tuesday last.
Our evening contemporary very justly rebukes the Nanaimo Herald for insinuating that it has been paid to desert Mr. Semlin and his political associates. As we understand the position of our contemporary it is that it no longer regards the Semlin party as a political entity and is watching events.
It is reported that Mr. Semlin contemplates retiring from politics. Such a conclusion would be a wise one and would meet with general approbation. Mr. Semlin's political usefulness is a thing of the past, and he shows wisdom in recognizing it.
The Times is disposed to make merry over the incident of the mace, and we concede that the theme may be made very fruitful of merriment. Nevertheless, the thing for which the mace stands, namely, the independence of parliament, is serious enough. It may be interesting to mention that the Governor-General never enters the House of Commons at Ottawa; neither does Her Majesty enter the House of Commons in London.
We venture to say that if the members of the legislature had shouted "Privilege!" when the Lieutenant-Governor entered the "house" while it was in session, he would have been the first person to recognize that a mistake had been made and would have withdrawn. His Honor may be a "man of great determination," but he has too much regard for his position as a part of the machinery of the provincial government to desire to violate the privileges of parliament.
So far as we have been able to gather from the talk upon the streets, the efforts of certain Vancouver Liberals to accept Mr. Joseph Martin and make a party fight in the local elections under his leadership meets with very scant encouragement from the Victoria Liberals, some of whom say that a provincial convention of the party will reject the idea in the most emphatic way. In Conservative circles in this city, where federal lines in the local arena never had many friends, there is a good deal of quiet amusement over the Tupper-Wilson disagreement. The opinion seems to be that if anything were needed to show the complete hollowiness of the party lines movement this has done it.
Sir Alfred Milner's proclamation of martial law applies to that portion of Cape Colony which lies along the Orange river and in the neighborhood of Kimberley. Its object is doubtless to give the military authorities a free hand in restoring order in the districts mentioned in the despatch, and it is not to be understood as indicating any change for the worse in the situation, but rather otherwise. These are the districts which were embraced in the Boer annexation proclamation.
As yet no special reason has been disclosed why parliament should have been called together at all this year. There is even a dearth of party oratory and of this the supply exceeds the demand as a rule. Mr. Fielding has brought down the estimates. We have not had the opportunity to examine them in detail, but the brief synopsis telegraphed as to the amounts to be voted for British Columbia indicates that our interest in them will be of a purely negative character. Mr. Tarte was asked the other day why nothing had been done for the improvement of Victoria harbor, and his flippant answer was that the money could be used elsewhere to better advantage. The rules of parliamentary discussion prohibited Co. Prior from telling the minister that such an answer was a gross



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piece of impertinence, but that is the only way in which it can be properly characterized. There seems to be practically no limit to the amounts available for the improvement of harbors in the East; but Victorians, though they pay nearly four times as much per head into the revenue as the residents of Eastern cities, must be content to see their harbor gradually fill up, for the lack of a few thousands of dollars expended on it.

LILLOOET NOT SORRY.
From the Prospector.
The news of the defeat of the Semlin government was received with every expression of satisfaction. A satisfaction that is not confined to Lillooet alone but is voiced by the whole province. It is very doubtful if a British public has ever witnessed such an exhibition of incompetency or if a government has ever previously succeeded—in such a short time—in making itself so universally detested.
Mr. Semlin will now retire to the fate he deserves, and the district of West Yale will have the gain. The district has been neglected, the cry being that the member was in the opposition ranks and could not do anything. It has since held the position of head of the government and the results have been worse. The improvements in Mr. Semlin's district for the past eighteen months was started or the money appropriated by the Turner government and the clerks had to crawl to get it. Sentiment is getting knocked out of the electorate and after another election West Yale will, no doubt, have representation in the provincial legislature.

AN ENORMOUS SALE.
To all who have felt the evil effects of drugged kidneys it is interesting to know that Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are meeting with enormous sale and unparalleled success in this district. Backaches and aching kidneys are fast becoming a thing of the past where Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are known. One cent a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers.

UP-TO-DATE OBSERVATIONS.
There is only one man in Victoria who has as yet offered his services to the theatrical managers as the man who has never yet written or thought he has written a war poem.
Now that the British armies are firmly established at Ladysmith, rumor has it that application will be made to parliament to change the name of the place to Ladysmithie.
The Boer soldier fell upon his knees. "Oh, Meluher," he said, "have you no mercy?"
Private Smith, of the Royal Canadians, who had been a drug clerk at home, looked down upon him as coldly as a hawk, with the mercury at 107 above.
"No," he replied, from sheer force of habit, "but I have something just as good."
And thereupon he gave it to him where it would also do the most good.
He was a newspaper man.
"Late war news kept me down town," he stammered as he entered the house at 5:26 a.m.
"Humph!" observed his waiting wife. "Well, we'll make a little more war news right here for an extra edition."
And the battle was on.
"Say, said little Freddie to Mr. Murgleson: 'do you know what?'"
"No, what?"
"When sister Fannie comes down stairs you watch and see how she limps. We've all been getting winded. Mine's on my left arm."—Chicago Times-Herald.

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Between The Marlon Steam Shovel Company, Plaintiff, and The Port George Gold Dredging Company and The Pittsburg & Cariboo Gold Dredging Company, Defendants.
In obedience to a writ of fieri facias is sued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Yale Registry, at Kamloops, and to me directed in the above-named suit for the sum of \$8,420.76 and \$7.00 for costs of execution, etc., and also interest on \$8,420.76 at six per centum per annum from the 7th day of January, 1899, until payment; besides Sheriff's poundage, officer's fees, and all other legal incidental expenses, I have seized and, unless the said execution debt, interest and costs are sooner paid, will offer for sale by public auction, on Friday, the 16th day of March proximo, at Rich Bar, about four miles below Quesnelle, on Fraser River, the following described goods and chattels, or sufficient thereof to satisfy the said execution debt, interest and costs, that is to say:
A complete dredging plant, known as the "Youngs Dredge," and consisting of 1 screw 20x80x5 feet, 1 screw 10x7x3 feet, 2 boilers of 50 h.p. each, 1 double steam hoisting engine 8x10, 1 double steam wheel engine 10x12, 1 dynamo with fittings complete; 2,000 lineal feet of assorted steel cable, 650 lineal feet of 2-inch Manila rope, about 600 lbs of bolts, nuts and steam fittings, a full outfit of machinists', blacksmiths' and carpenters' tools, a large quantity of tools and appliances used in operating the dredge, and other articles too numerous to mention; also a set of steam hoisting engines now stored at Quesnelle; also 6 Dredging Leascholds, each comprising 5 miles of the bed of Fraser River, commencing at a point on said River about 5 miles above the mouth of Cottonwood River and extending thence up stream a distance of thirty miles.
JOHN STEVENSON, Sheriff of Cariboo.
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Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
5:50 a.m.	9.0 feet.	0:20 a.m.	7.1 feet.
12:50 p.m.	2.7 feet.	6:10 a.m.	8.4 feet.
5:50 p.m.	7.7 feet.	1:30 p.m.	2.7 feet.
		9:50 p.m.	7.7 feet.

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Two Trials.—The trials of the Queen vs. Holland and Hall vs. the Queen will come on for hearing before Mr. Justice Drake to-morrow.

Coontown 400. March 7.

Judgments Entered.—A number of judgments were yesterday entered against the Bennett Lake and Klondike Navigation Company, in some cases for goods supplied last season to their steamers on the Yukon river.

Jessie Moore "AA" whiskey is a gentleman's drink.

Memorial Service.—At St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill on Sunday evening memorial services were held for Pte. Somers of the Canadian contingent, who was killed at Modder River and whose parents reside at Cedar Hill. Rev. Mr. Clinton, the rector, preached an eloquent sermon on the war, going back many years for the cause of it and tracing the history of South Africa up to the present.

Drill hall concert to-morrow night.

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Sad News.—News was received yesterday of the death at Kingston, Ont., on Sunday evening of Thomas Briggs, father of Mr. A. J. Briggs, night agent for the C.P.N. Co., Mr. P. Briggs, also of this city, and Mr. J. Briggs, manager at New Westminster for the C.P.N. Co. The deceased had reached the ripe age of 94 years, and during his long and useful life was universally respected in the community where he resided. He was manager of the Frontenac Loan and Investment Company. Readers of the Colonist acquainted with Kingston affairs will note with interest that Mr. Briggs while a resident of the Limestone City was prominently identified with St. George's

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Cathedral, and as first churchwarden for many years directed the affairs of that historic pile, whose ruin by fire occurred about two years ago.

General Rehearsals.—A full rehearsal for the opera of "The Bridal Trap" will be held to-night in Waitt's Hall at 8 o'clock. All who have promised their assistance are asked to be present.

Most everyone who has whiskey for sale compares its virtue to Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey.

Printers Get Marching Orders.—The new government is evidently possessed of grim humor of the almanac brand. The extra printers employed at the government office marched forth March 4th.

Rambler Bicycles.—The 21-year-old wheels—Weiler Bros.

Remanded for a Week.—The case of Wingeunglung, accused of violating the provisions of the Sanitary by-law, was yesterday continued by Police Magistrate Hall for the space of another week.

Drill hall concert to-morrow night.

Mid-Week Music.—The Fifth Regiment band promenade concert at the Drill hall to-morrow night promises to be especially attractive. An excellent programme, agreeably interspersed with cello, violin and vocal solos, is being prepared.

Don't forget Miss Armonson's recital in Philharmonic hall this evening. An entirely new programme, also "Delsarte" posings in Greek costume.

I. O. G. T. "At Home."—Perseverance Lodge, No. 1, I. O. G. T. will give an "at home" in Temperance hall to-night. A good programme will be rendered and refreshments served. Friends of temperance are cordially invited.

Imperial restaurant, corner of Douglas and View streets, Theatre Block, has now engaged a first-class French cook (late of the Hotel Metropole, London, Eng.) Dinner and supper parties a specialty.

Poor Fellow.—The end of the police court case resultant from the theft of a set of drawing instruments belonging to Architect A. Maxwell Muir, has been reached. The defendant, George Harper, who was unquestionably guilty, being found insane and sent to the asylum at New Westminster.

Changing Positions.—Mr. S. Moore, B. A., has accepted the position of teacher at Chemainus, and Mr. S. Shepherd of Craigflower school, has been requested to accept the position of teacher at the West Burnaby school, near Vancouver, in succession to W. H. Leffere. Mr. H. F. Page, of Mission, is advertising for a teacher for the Matsqui Prairie school.

He's an absent-minded beggar. And he's gone off to the front. And he's left a trail of trouble to the rear. For the ones left at home. For they know "Is canteen's stocked with 'Jesse Moore'."

Succumbed to Rough Weather.—Of the fourteen head of moose shipped to Australia by the steamer Aorangi on her last trip, only four of them reached their destination alive. The others died on the way down, most of them between Vancouver and Honolulu, as the weather was very rough. The moose were sent out by the Dominion government at the request of the government of New Zealand, which wished to experiment with their growth in that colony.

Drill hall concert to-morrow night.

Vancouver Annoyed.—Vancouver militiamen are annoyed at a mistake made by the federal authorities, as will be seen from the following which appeared in the local columns of the Province: "Col. Worsnop is having considerable correspondence with the militia department in an attempt to have corrected a mistake made by that department in describing all the brave fellows of 'Our Own Sixth' as 'officers and men of the Fifth Regiment, Victoria.' The officers of the local militia naturally are anxious to have the mistake rectified."

Coontown 400. March 7.

Still in Progress.—The case of Albert Pearson, who is charged with the theft of several hundred dollars from the person of Professor A. E. Hill, of Edmonton, Wash., was again under consideration in the police court yesterday, with Sergeant Walker as the chief witness, he having made the arrest and received a partial confession from the accused—his story that he had taken money and watch from the prosecutor, but with the intention of taking care of them. Then he too went to sleep, and they disappeared. The hearing will proceed to-day.

Your sideboard at home is incomplete if it is not stocked with Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey.

Demand for Horses.—There is at present a great demand for horses throughout British Columbia, particularly general purpose horses for farm work. Good roadsters also find a ready sale. This is accounted for by the fact that for two years ago when horses were a "drug" on the market, the farmers stopped breeding and now they have no young horses to take the place of the old ones. This demand has to be supplied from the United States. Mr. F. Barlow on Sunday returned from Washington and Oregon and will be followed this morning by a band of 26 picked horses. Mr. James Bryce also returned on Sunday, bringing a handsome Clydesdale stallion "Millionaire."

Cape Nome.—The newspapers are low in their praise of the above place, and as a money-maker it is no doubt good; how to make money in Victoria is the thing; you can save money by buying your books and stationery from the Victoria news co., 80 Yates street, R. T. Williams, manager.

Reply of Her Majesty.

Thanks For the Resolutions of Victorians Renewing Expressions of Loyalty.

Address From British-American League at Seattle Received.

Mayor Hayward yesterday received through Mr. Joseph Pope, under-secretary of state, the reply of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, to the resolution passed at the public meeting held in the Victoria theatre renewing expressions of loyalty and endorsing the government's policy in South Africa. The communications follow:

Ottawa, Feb. 27, 1900.
Sir: Referring to your telegram of the 19th ultimo, I have the honor to transmit to you herewith a copy of a despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, conveying to you and to the citizens of Victoria Her Majesty's high appreciation of the loyal and dutiful sentiments expressed in your said communication.
I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,
JOSEPH POPE,
Under-Secretary of State.
His Worship the Mayor, Victoria, B.C.
(Enclosure.)

Mr. Chamberlain to Lord Minto.
Downing Street, Feb. 13, 1900.
My Lord: I have the honor to state that I have laid before the Queen the message from the Mayor of Victoria, British Columbia, enclosed in your despatch No. 20 of the 20th ultimo, and that I have received Her Majesty's commands to express through you to His Worship and to the citizens of Victoria her high appreciation of the loyal and dutiful sentiments to which it gives expression.
I have the honor to be, sir, Your Lordship's humble and obedient servant.
(Signed) J. CHAMBERLAIN,
Governor-General the Right Honorable the Earl of Minto, G.C.M.G., etc., etc.

The resolution referred to follows:—
"Moved by Senator Templeman and seconded by Col. Baker, M.P.P., and carried: 'Resolved, That the citizens of Victoria express anew their feelings of love and loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty, their attachment to the Empire and devotion to its interests and their cordial sympathy and support of British policy in South Africa, and that a copy of this resolution be telegraphed to Her Majesty's government.'"

Lieut. Governor McInnes yesterday received the following letter from Seattle:

Seattle, Wash., March 3, 1900.
To His Honor Thomas R. McInnes, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia, Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir: I beg to transmit to you herein a true copy of an address and resolution adopted on the 27th ult., at a large and enthusiastic meeting of the American-British League, held in the city of Seattle, expressing to you and through you to the people of British Columbia our brotherly regard and sympathy on account of the heavy losses sustained by the gallant Canadian soldiers in the Boer war. It should be added a list of the killed and wounded was publicly read, and a resolution was then eloquently seconded by one of the distinguished Canadians of our city, Captain P. D. Hughes, late of the Queen's Own Rifles.

Permit me to remain, yours very respectfully,

AUSTIN E. GRIFFITHS,

Secretary American-British League.

JOHN W. PRATT,

President American-British League.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 27, 1900.

To His Honor Thomas R. McInnes, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.

Resolved, That the members of the American-British League, composed of persons of British birth or descent, loyal citizens of the United States of America, and residents of the city of Seattle and vicinity, deploring the unjust, unnecessary war provoked by the Boers in South Africa, recognizing the righteousness of the English cause, and the British supremacy in South Africa means the unification of that country under self-government, with civil and religious liberty, and equality of right and opportunity to all men;

And having watched with pleasure and admiration the spontaneous response of our Canadian kinsmen in support of the integrity of the British Empire, thus presenting a wall of fire encircling the globe to the enemies of Great Britain and to the glorious ideals of liberty and progress under law, the priceless heritage of all English-speaking peoples;

And hearing with profound sorrow of the heavy loss of life on the field of battle among the gallant soldiers from the neighboring province of British Columbia, hereby extend to Your Excellency and through you to the people of British Columbia, especially the families and friends of the fallen, whom it hath pleased God shall return no more to their loved country and shores, our highest appreciation of their patriotism and sacrifice, and our most heartfelt sympathy.

The above was proposed by Austin E. Griffiths and seconded by P. D. Hughes.

Witness the names of

JOHN W. PRATT,

President.

AUSTIN E. GRIFFITHS,

Secretary.

—OF—

A Musical and Literary Treat.—Those who have attended former entertainments provided by Miss Lillian Armonson are in confident expectation of a treat this evening, when that talented young lady gives a musical and series of Delsarte poses in the Greek costume, at Philharmonic hall. She is to be assisted in the carefully arranged programme by Miss McKeown, pianist; Mrs. Gresson, soprano; Mr. John G. Brown, baritone; and Miss Hall, accompanist.

Beats Them All.—Mr. Turner Townsend, of this city, who arrived from Dawson a few weeks ago, will start on his return trip on Wednesday evening by the Tees. He intends going in over the ice with his dog team, one of the best in the Yukon and will take in 40,000 cigars. Mr. Townsend is agent in Dawson for the Colonist and yesterday he called to double his order for copies of the daily and semi-weekly editions. The Colonist, he says, is the most popular paper in Dawson, and besides it gets in several days earlier than any other. This is effected through special arrangements made last fall. It costs somewhat more than the means adopted by other papers circulating in Dawson, but the Colonist aims at being ahead of all.

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DID NOT LEAD THE WAY.

Mr. Dunsinuir Was Not the First Member of the House to Go to the Lobby.

Mr. James Dunsinuir, M. P. P., says that the Colonist was in error in saying that he was the first member of the legislature to leave the house on Thursday, when the Lieutenant-Governor came in. He only returned on Sunday from a visit to his coal mines, and therefore could not make the correction any sooner. He says that he was not consulted in regard to any arrangement for the retirement of the members, but that as he was going to his seat in the house he was told by a friend that such an arrangement had been made. He did not think well of it, but there was no time then to discuss the matter. When some of the members arose to leave, he waited until he saw Mr. Smith do so, and being satisfied that an agreement had been reached between the two sides of the house, and not wishing to be placed in a false position, he went to the lobby. There he met Mr. Macpherson and said to him: "I do not know about this being right," or something to that effect, and Mr. Macpherson replied that he did not like it, but that he had kept out of the house altogether, to which Mr. Dunsinuir answered by saying that Mr. Macpherson was not helped any by that. Mr. Dunsinuir's reason for asking to be set right in this matter is because he does not wish to be held responsible for an act which he did not advise, and which he would not have recommended if he had been consulted.

To Instal Officers.—The Juvenile Foresters will meet in K. of P. hall this evening to instal officers. A social will follow.

Friendly Help.—The Friendly Help Association will hold their regular monthly meeting this morning at 11 o'clock in their rooms, market hall. All members are earnestly invited to attend.

The Natural History Society.—At the regularly fortnightly meeting of this society, held last night, Mr. Carmichael of the government assay office, gave a most interesting paper upon "The Geology and Mining of the Yukon." The slides, lantern slides were shown graphically illustrating some of the rich quartz veins and wild scenery of some of the almost inaccessible portions of the island.

In times of peace; in times of war; The favorite drink is Jesse Moore.

Death of Capt. Cowper.—A letter received yesterday from Atlin brought news of the death of Capt. Jesse Cowper, for a number of years in command of small vessels in British Columbia waters, but for two years operating on the Yukon. The deceased was a native of Northamptonshire, England, and 33 years of age. He came to British Columbia in 1870 with his father, H. M. Cowper, and brother, W. H. Cowper, who survive him. A wife and three children residing at Ladner's Landing are also left.

Drill hall concert to-morrow night.

Yukon Appeal.—The first appeal of the decision of the Yukon district court to the Supreme court of British Columbia, to which all appeals from that district have to be referred, came up in the Full court yesterday. It was the case of the Canadian Yukon Prospecting Company vs. Carey, before referred to. Judgment was reserved. The application to have the case of the Bank of British Columbia vs. Oppenheimer placed on the list of appeals stood over.

Flags for Schools.—A large British flag was yesterday presented by Mr. John Piercy to the school board, and will fly over one of the schools on holidays, etc. The South Park and North Ward schools already have flags, and as flag-poles are to be placed on all the schools, it is in line for citizens to see that there are flags available to fly on them.

Patriotic Fund.—The amount so far subscribed towards the patriotic fund on the list at the city hall is \$201.05, of which amount \$135 was subscribed by Chinese merchants. The list follows: Civil servants of the department of mines, \$35.05; A. British Canadian, \$5; W. W. Northcott, \$5; Charles Kent, \$5; J. Lorimer, \$5; Seagers, Council, \$5; Young Men's Institute, \$10; A. Gisson, \$1; Tai Soong & Co., \$10; Tai Yuen & Co., \$50; Loo Gee Wing, \$5; Man Lung, \$5; Wah Yuen, \$5; Quong Man Lung, \$5; Chin Wai, \$5; Dong Tai, \$5; Lum Fat, \$5; W. K. J. Lee Day, \$5; Lee Whon, \$5; Wing Chong, \$5; Lum Kee, \$3; Lee Way, \$2; Shing Hung Yen, \$2; Mar Art, \$2; Jing Chong Lung, \$2; On Hing, \$2; Sing Lee, \$2; Kwong Shing Wing, \$2; Kam Cheong, \$2; Wing Kut Ming, \$2; Leto Chan Sack, Jack, \$2; Wai Wai, \$2; Hung Pook, \$2; Wong Jim Wai, \$2; Shun Lun, \$2; Mark Kim Choo, \$2; Chu Chung, \$2; Hang Wo King Kee, \$2; Fook Yuen and Fung Ching, \$1 each.

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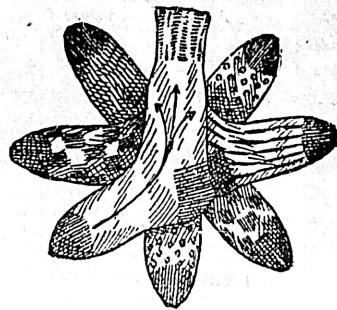
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Cabinet Yet Incomplete.

Mr. Martin Taking Time to Find Men Acceptable to His Honor.

Nanaimo Champion Becomes Private Secretary and Ralph Smith Nominated.

Will Premier Martin be able to complete his cabinet and appeal to the country with a complete staff? What view does the government at Ottawa take of the choice made by the Lieutenant-Governor? These are the texts of speculation that at present engage the general attention of the politically-interested public.

Hon. Joseph Martin is saying very little. He has engaged a private secretary in the person of Mr. Gerald H. Cross, editor of the Nanaimo Review; and he has given out that there is no truth in the report that he is limited to time in the completion of his cabinet. The Lieutenant-Governor, he has stated, has requested that he complete such a cabinet as shall have the full confidence of the country, and he is not being hurried in his selection.

As yet there are announced no other acceptances of portfolios. Yesterday produced a rumor to the effect that Mr. Ralph Smith had reconsidered his opinions concerning the present prime minister, and would accept a portfolio in the interest of labor—but there is no confirmation of this report as yet, and it appears improbable that Mr. Smith would so quickly forget his energetic denunciation of Mr. Martin in the lobby just after the want-of-confidence motion in connection with the redistribution bill passed the house.

Organization for the forthcoming elections continues to be the order of the hour. The local members of the old opposition had a conference yesterday, at which a considerable amount of business was transacted, but of a nature not to call for publication at the present time. The followers of the late government, however, are busy as the Cotton Provincial Party, are to assemble in convention at the Royal City on Friday. Both they and their late opponents are declared equally opposed to the introduction of federal lines, and Mr. Martin denies the accuracy of the report from Vancouver that he will appeal to provincial Liberals. The fact that his chosen colleagues will be Liberals is therefore to be accepted as nothing more than a coincidence.

In Victoria there has been a suggestion made that find many sympathizers, to the effect that the people themselves—as apart from political leaders—take an active part in choosing the new house. It is quite possible that this will be done.

Mr. Sampson is freely mentioned in connection with the contest in South Victoria, where it is supposed Mr. Yates also will endeavor to find a seat; while Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley is expected to make an appearance in Esquimalt. Up in West Yale there is every probability that Mr. Semlin will again be the standard-bearer, notwithstanding the movement to have him retire from politics and allow Mr. Dennis Murphy, a former Victoria boy, to make the running. In Revelstoke riding, West Kootenay, both announced candidates are enamored of party lines, and Mr. Kellie (as a Liberal) will be opposed by Mr. Charles Wilson, Q. C. (Conservative).

"A CONTENTED WOMAN."

Belle Archer and Her Company to Appear at the Victoria on Thursday.

At the Victoria theatre on Thursday evening, merit of the highest order of excellence will reign, when Hoyt's brightest composition and most successful comedy, "A Contented Woman," will be presented. "A Contented Woman" is an amusing satire on the woman in politics. It teems with bright lines, particularly in their sharpness, and the foibles of the gentler sex who dabble in politics, and advocate the "new woman," all satirized with humorous, and to use a paradoxical expression, kindly severity. The story is said to be an interesting one, and is founded upon the law recently passed in some of the far Western States, giving women the right to vote, and allowing them to hold office.

The scenes are laid in Denver, and the scenery used in the production here will be the same as used at Hoyt's theatre, New York, and is pronounced the most extravagant ever seen in comedy.

It is pretty well known that Mr. Hoyt never has a poor cast, and in "A Contented Woman" he has secured the best talent possible, which, no doubt, has made "A Contented Woman" the most successful of all the bright comedies he has turned out.

Miss Belle Archer leads the cast, and

she will be supported by such artists as Augusta De Forest, Henrietta Lee, Bonnie Lottie, John L. Kearney, Arthur F. Buchanan, C. P. Morrison, Will Granger and the beauty trio, last season's sensation with "Jack and the Beanstalk."

The provincial press speaks very highly of Willis' "Countdown 400," who open at the A.O.U.W. hall on Wednesday evening. The Rossland Miner says of the Co. The Willis' "Countdown 400" appeared at the Rossland opera house last evening and gave its rag-time opera burlesque in a finished and artistic manner. The singing was good, the acting excellent, the dancing of the liveliest order. The performance is intended to make people laugh and enjoy themselves, and that the company succeeded was evidenced by the plaudits which were so freely bestowed upon the players. The performance is far above the average and those who wish to drive away care and have a good laugh should go.

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LOCAL NEWS.

For Australia.—The Aorangi sails for Southern Seas on Friday next.

Lawn Tennis Club.—The adjourned annual general meeting of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club will be held at the Driford on Thursday next at 8.30 p.m.

An Omission.—In the published report of the list of guests at the Easterners' banquet at the Dallas hotel on Thursday evening last the name of A. L. Belyea, Q.C., was inadvertently omitted.

Aged German Dead.—Frederick Gerken, native of Germany, aged 70 years, died yesterday. His remains will be forwarded to Montreal for interment.

Fine Copper Specimens.—Two splendid specimens of gold-copper quartz from the Lenora mine at Mount Sicker are on view in the show window of Mr. Boves, the Government street druggist and are attracting much favorable comment.

Passing Colliers.—The operator at Otter Point reported a four-masted ship in ballast in-haul yesterday. It was probably the steamer St. Paul, which left San Francisco on the 1st to load coal at Oyster Harbor. The steam collier Minnesota passed to Nanaimo for a load of coal yesterday.

Wedded at Chicago.—Mr. John A. Duncan, formerly of Victoria, and Miss May Wilson, sister of Mrs. (Capt.) Butler, of 80 Kingston street, this city, were married at the home of the bride's parents, 280 North Clark street, Chicago, a few days ago. Numerous friends were present and Rev. Dr. Streets officiated. The bride was appropriately attired in a dress of cream brocaded satin and carried bride roses. She was assisted by Miss Lena Wilson, her sister, who appeared in a costume of which silk decorated with white chiffon. After the ceremony the party partook of supper prepared by "Kinsley," the celebrated Chicago caterer, and later visited the Columbia theatre, and witnessed the production of Robespierre, in which Sir Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry took the leading parts. Toronto was visited on the honeymoon trip. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan will make their home in Chicago.

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Letters to the Editor

WEDDING NOTICE REVISED.

Sir: I regret very much that in your issue of Saturday last an announcement was made of one LeLievre-Billingsby marriage as having been performed by me, "in the house" and during the season of Lent, viz., Ash Wednesday. I ask you to publicly state that it is incorrect. The Anglican church does not marry in houses except under special license from the bishops, or under a distance limit of five miles from any church, and without very special cause or necessity or bishop's permission the Anglican church does not marry during the solemn season of Lent. I passed this announcement over in your paper, thinking that your readers would give me the opportunity to explain it if they were sufficiently interested.

I am agreeably surprised how many lay members have spoken to me on this subject, besides the strong protest I have received from the bishop's commissary, the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven.

Finally, the wedding in question took place in St. Barnabas' church on Shrove Tuesday, February 27.

ERNEST G. MILLER, Rector.

CONTROL OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Sir: In several issues of the Colonist you speak of the government "controlling" the legislative assembly, and the same expression was used by a number of speakers in the house during the latest sittings of that body. In other provinces of Canada it is the legislative body that controls the government, and the latter is satisfied when it can speak of having the "support" of the house. It might be assumed that there are two ways of expressing the same idea, but it is not that recent events lead to the conclusion that responsible government as understood elsewhere is not the same as that practiced in British Columbia. The system here is an innovation which would find scant favor elsewhere. It is probable that in other communities of the Empire some public men caring little for any party issues that might be at stake, would take upon himself the defence of an institution the expediency of which is questioned by generations and jealously guarded by those who feel the danger of allowing first assaults to pass without resistance.

M. ST. J.

Victoria, March 3.

RUSSIAN IRON INDUSTRY.

From Engineering.

In the village of Bjelogorowska, in the Bachmut district, not very far from the Lissitschansk railway station, important deposits of iron ore, containing 60 per cent. iron, have been discovered. In the same neighborhood a Belgium syndicate has secured an estate containing ore and coal deposits. The iron ore deposits in the neighborhood of Kerch, on the peninsula of Tauris, are, no doubt, destined to form the foundation of the future Taurian iron industry. The deposits in question are very extensive, but the quality of the ore appears to vary considerably; the average, however, is very fair, and it is quite worth working. The Katereless ore, which belongs to the same district, is rich in manganese. The somewhat recently discovered iron ore deposits in the Livny district, government of Orel, are hardly sufficiently extensive to warrant rational working. Not only are successful researches for iron ore carried on in various parts of the Russian empire; but the industrial exploitation of the mineral wealth is keeping pace with the increased supply, or possibilities of supply, or raw material. It is more especially French and Belgium enterprise and capital which, more or less directly, are interested in this movement. Amongst the more recent undertakings may be mentioned the Compagnie Houilliere Metallurgique et Industrielle de Louvatinka (Donetz), which is intended to work the coal and iron deposits on the Slavjansk estate in the Slavjansk district. This is a Belgian concern, with a maximum capital of 10,000,000 francs. The capital of the Novo Pawlowska company is 7,000,000 francs. A still larger Belgian company is the Societe Miniere et Metallurgique de Tanbov, which boasts a capital of 16,000,000 francs, and which is erecting iron works in the neighborhood of the town of Lipetz, in the government of Tanbov. The natural conditions are good; there is a river, the railway is not far distant, and the necessary ore deposits are available. A Russian company, in which, however, French interests appear to be represented, has been formed, under the style of The Russian Company for Manufacture of Iron, Rolling Mills, and Mechanical Works; the capital of this company is 1,125,000 roubles, and their concession does apparently not limit them to any distinct part of the empire for their operations. Another recent company which has commenced operations is the Societe Metallurgique du Sud Oural. A blast furnace of large dimensions has been built at the Kamenskoye works of the Dneprowski Metallurgical company; it is the sixth blast furnace built there, and its capacity is 600 tons per twenty-four hours. A number of mining gentlemen and Moscow capitalists have formed a company for the purpose of constructing a new railway line from Moscow to Woronesk, which is more especially intended for the transport of coal and ore. The same company will also direct its attention to mining exploits in the Donetz district.

POSTAL CHANGES.

Official Notice of Separation of British Columbia Into Two Divisions.

The supplement to the Canadian official postal guide for the quarter ending January 31, contains the official notice of the separation of British Columbia into two postal divisions. It says: A new postal division has been established with head quarters at Vancouver, comprising the electoral district of Burrard, New Westminster, Yale and Cariboo in British Columbia, and has been placed under the charge of Mr. W. H. Dorman, formerly assistant post office inspector of the British Columbia division, who has been made a post office inspector. The remainder of the province of British Columbia constitutes a postal division under the name of the Victoria division—headquarters at Victoria, B.C.—and continues under the charge of Mr. E. H. Fletcher, formerly post office inspector of the British Columbia division.

During the quarter post offices were opened at:

Barnet, Yale and Cariboo, Jos. J. Lake, postmaster.

Berisina, Burrard, J. M. Poltras, postmaster.

Brooklyn, Yale and Cariboo, J. L. Magney, postmaster.

Comaplix, Yale and Cariboo, G. H. Morkill, postmaster.

Kimberley, Yale and Cariboo, Chas. Ecker, postmaster.

Ruby Creek, Yale and Cariboo, H. Fooks, postmaster.

The office at Duncan, in Yale and Cariboo, has been changed to Howser, and the offices at Cherry Creek, Christina and Wild Horse, all in Yale and Cariboo, have been discontinued. Oyster Harbor has been added to the money order list and Bullion, Penticton, and Sicamous have been taken off the list.

INSPECTING DAIRIES.

Department of Agriculture Taking Part in Movement to Prevent Disease.

Mr. Johnson Gibbins, V. S., inspector of diseases of animals, is now in Victoria, under the direction of the department of agriculture, attending to the inspection of dairies and cattle supplying milk to the city. He has just returned from a trip to Valdez island, whence reports had been sent to the department that disease was rife among the cattle in that neighborhood. The inspector, however, reports that no disease exists at the present time on the island. Mr. Gibbins has completed the inspection of cows supplying milk to the cities of Vancouver and New Westminster, and with a few exceptions found the premises well kept and the cattle free from disease.

RATES ARE REDUCED.

Passengers for the Boundary Country Have Something to Thank the C. P. R. For.

The Canadian Pacific railway company, in taking over the Columbia & Western extension, has reduced the rate to Greenwood, from the construction company, has made a very material reduction on the passenger rates hitherto prevailing on that much-travelled branch. The transfer took place on the 1st inst., and the new rates are as follows: From Grand Forks was reduced from \$7.35 to \$3.35, and that from Robson to Greenwood from \$7 to \$4.50. Rates between other points on the branch have also been brought down on a corresponding scale. Not only has a sweeping reduction been made in the passenger tariff, but freight charges as well have been cut down some twenty-five per cent.

CAPITALIST INTERESTED.

Information Asked Regarding Proposed Island Railway.

It is stated on excellent authority that the proposed railway to the north end of Vancouver island has attracted the attention of one of the wealthiest and most enterprising men in the United States, who has already taken some interest in the mining development of the West Coast, and that he has asked for full details in regard to the project, with the view of taking it up if the representations already made to him are correct and no local obstacles are presented. The latter is not likely to be the case.

BURDEN OF EMPIRE.

Engineering, in reviewing the cost of defensive munitions of war, discusses the question of our ability to bear the burden. France has admitted a difficulty in making her revenue at the present time keep up with her expenditure, and their new naval programme has been promised without any increase in taxation. It is, to say the least, difficult to understand how this promise is to be fulfilled; but Britain can afford to view with complacency the prospect of progress in the construction of French ships being delayed, owing to the absence of revenue. France, as well as Germany, has recognized that there is at the present time a continuity of policy. If a large addition is authorized at one time; but if continuity of construction is not likely to be insured, unless there is at once adequate allowance of money. Sea power costs money. Our taxpayers now fully recognize this, and are ready to back the bill. It remains to be seen how far

the Frenchman, the German and the Russian will accept the same truth. In this financial struggle it is well to consider the weapons available—the countries' resources, as measured by their commerce, their producing capacity, their wealth, and their depths. Britain, continues Engineering, profits by its preponderating share of the world's commerce, 22 per cent. falling to her lot. Germany has just half this portion—10.5; France, 9.2; and Russia, 3.5 per cent. Britain's trade turnover, foreign imports and exports, are also about double those of Germany, and enormously exceed the other two competitors in this war expenditure game. Germany stands most favorably as to her total debt, but Great Britain excels in material wealth, in which she stands first among the nations—with £290 per capita, France has £242, and Germany £150. When we turn to the debit side of the ledger, France's position is greatly affected, as her debt is more than double that of Britain's, constituting 12 per cent. of her wealth, against 5 per cent. in our case. In other words, Britain pays interest to the extent of 8s. per capita; while if she had France's debt, she would have to find 20s. from each inhabitant, great and small. Tasing the population of Britain at 40 millions, this difference in debt alone would enable us to spend 24 million sterling on our defences without exceeding the average burden in France. As compared with Germany, our position is not so pronouncedly favorable; but with a national wealth, after allowing for debt, of 11,170 million sterling, as compared with 7,537 million sterling, we can, the opinion of Engineering, better afford to enter upon this new contest with equanimity.

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PROVINCIAL

NANAIMO.

The Free Press says: "Among the intimate friends of Mr. G. H. Cross it has been known for several days that he had been offered the position of private secretary to Hon. Joseph Martin, Mr. Cross did not wish the matter made public until all arrangements were complete, and last evening he gave out the information. Mr. Cross informed a Free Press reporter that he had accepted the position, and he will leave for Victoria on Monday to enter upon his duties. During his absence in Victoria Mr. Arthur Wheeler will have charge of the business department of the Review. Mr. Cross continuing to direct the editorial policy of the paper. Throughout the winter fight waged against the newly appointed Premier, the Review has been the warm champion of Mr. Martin, and the recent appointment is in recognition of his services."

Following are the returns of the Nanaimo customs house for the month ending February 28:

Duty collected	\$10,006 88
Other collections	306 12
Total	\$10,313 00
Imports dutiable	\$32,222 00
Imports free	2,565 00
Total	\$34,787 00

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Feb. 28.—Fred. Knight has returned from the Bonanza, in Knight's camp, north fork of Kettle river. He reports that the pump and hoist, recently purchased, have been installed. As soon as the water in the main shaft is pumped out, the work of sinking to the 150-foot level will be resumed.

R. A. Brown, after a brief visit here, left to-day for the Similkameen, to direct operations on the Sunset, the famous copper mountain proposition. He is negotiating for the purchase of a five-drill compressor plant for the Volcanic, on the north fork of Kettle river. The main tunnel has penetrated the mountain over 700 feet.

Shipments of coke from the Crow's Nest coal fields have arrived here for the Grand Forks smelter, which will be "blown in" within six weeks. The first roast heap, consisting of 1,000 tons of City of Paris ore, is now being built. The train across the north fork of Kettle river is nearing completion. Eight hundred thousand feet of lumber is being utilized in its construction. Mechanics are now putting in the machinery at the reduction works and power house. Supt. Hodges says that the smelter will give employment to at least one hundred and fifty men. This will represent four hundred people who will be dependent for a living on this new enterprise. He added that the rate quoted by the C. P. R. for the carriage of ore, all things considered, was satisfactory. At the outset the smelter company will do considerable custom work. On the basis of shipments of 300 tons a day from private parties the Granby company will utilize several hundred thousand dollars in payment for ores and fuel of their smelting value, as the smelter, after making the disbursements, will have to wait from six to eight weeks for the returns from the refineries.

The shift in the Mountain View, in Summit canyon, is now about 100 feet solid. A shipment of fifteen sacks of ore has just been made to the Trail smelter. A rich strike was recently made on the English and French, north fork of the Kettle river.

Mr. C. P. R. officially took over the Columbia & Western railway from the contractors yesterday, when a new freight and passenger tariff went into effect.

MIDWAY.

Mr. James Anderson has returned from Atlin and has resumed charge of the Greenwood branch of the Bank of British North America. Mr. Fry has been acting manager during the past two months and has made many friends in the district, who regret that day after day to another part of the Dominion.

A man named Gambling, foreman at the Midway mine, situated about 10 miles above Canyon creek, main Kettle river, was injured about a week ago by falling down a 16-foot prospect shaft. Dr. Jakes was not summoned until last Saturday, when he found the man's lower limbs paralyzed. The doctor was informed that there was then an improvement upon Gambling's condition earlier in the week. The injured man will be kept in camp, the country being too rough for him to be brought out in his present state. Alexander Donke, employed with F. R. Boone logging at Rock creek, met with his death by a log rolling over him last Saturday evening. He lived only about 20 minutes after the accident occurred. Chief Provincial Constable McMyan went up from Midway yesterday to make inquiries. At Rock Creek he met District Coroner Dr. Jakes, and the latter being satisfied that death was the result of an accident, gave the requisite certificate authorizing burial of the body. Donke was well known in the district, having been for some time employed at Greenwood and Midway in the butchering business now conducted by P. Burns & Co.

Last Tuesday, at Republic, the sheriff of Ferry county, Wash., was on trial, charged with kidnapping two persons, Everett and Faust, and delivering them to the British Columbia authorities without due process of law. The jury after only 20 minutes' deliberation, returned a verdict of "not guilty." The verdict was generally approved, except by the "tough" element. The evidence showed that having these men under arrest the sheriff decided to remove them to the Stevens county jail, that at Republic being insecure. As he had to pass through the province from Carson to

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Cascade en route to Colville, he requested the provincial police to convey his prisoners whilst this side of the line. It happened though that they were both "wanted" on charges of robbery committed at Niagara, and Everett on another charge of shooting at provincial constable Gardom, of Midway, and evading lawful arrest. So they were taken into custody, given a preliminary hearing at Grand Forks, and Everett was sent up for trial. At the same time the question of kidnapping into this province was raised by the prisoner's counsel, so trial of the prisoner was deferred pending a settlement of this matter. Meanwhile he was detained in the Kamloops jail, so it may be assumed that on first opportunity he will be tried and will probably thereafter be an unwilling guest of the crown for several years.

CHILLIWACK.

From the Progress, Feb. 26. We are informed on good authority that A. S. Vedder intends to contest this riding at the next provincial election. Mr. Vedder will come out on a strictly independent platform.

Mr. McGann, who has been engaged for some time in packing goods to a mining camp on Chilliwack river, received a severe and dangerous kick from a mule while he was riding and which succeeded in throwing him. The mule, which had just been shot, struck him fairly in the face with both feet, inflicting very painful wounds.

A destructive fire took place early Saturday morning at the home of Mr. John Stady, East Chilliwack, by which the dwelling, dairy and machine shop were completely destroyed. Very few effects were saved and Mr. Stady's loss will be heavy. An unfortunate feature was that there was no insurance upon any of the buildings. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

A wedding that has been among the expected events for several weeks past, took place last evening, and two well known young people of Sardis are one for life. The happy couple are Mr. Geo. B. Reade, the ever-popular "Bert," and Miss Charlotte Tyson, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Tyson, of Sardis. The marriage took place at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. J. H. White, tying the knot. The bride was supported by her sister, Miss Susie Tyson, Mr. J. F. Webb acting as groomsmen.

ROSSLAND.

The customs returns for February show a decided increase in all round the returns for the same month last year. Appended is the statement:

Dutiable goods Imported	\$54,927
Free goods Imported	11,132
Total Imports	\$66,059
Imports during February, 1899	58,755
Increase for 1900	\$ 7,304
Duty collected February, 1900	\$12,445 97
Duty collected February, 1899	9,092 48
Increase for February, 1900	\$ 3,353 49

EXPORTS.

Ore, 3,320 tons	\$100,070
Lead bullion, 22,144 pounds	70,543
Copper matte, 638,345 pounds	100,430
Gold bullion, 176 ounces	2,200
All other exports	5,145
Total exports	\$377,400
Exports during February, 1899	\$34,583
Increase for February, 1900	\$322,818

The following is the return of inland revenue collections for February:

Spirits	\$2,206 04
Malt	72 00
Cigars	72 00
Total	\$4,598 04

NELSON.

The following are the customs statistics for February:

Dutiable goods Imported	\$41,496
Free goods Imported	3,258
Total Imports	\$44,754
Duty collected	\$11,818 50

LION OF THE TRANSVAAL.

Sketch of Career of the Boer Commandant Now Captive on British Cruiser.

Commandant Cronje was the chosen of the burghers to succeed the Transvaal Republic's "fighting general," Nicholas F. M. Cronje—rough, burly, asking no man's friendship, and gaining that of few, with steady grey eyes peering out from below shaggy eyebrows—is the man the burghers trust when the commandos are out. He was with them at Bronkhorst spruit and at Majuba Hill. He saved the republic at Doornkop, and no man ever yet suspected him of treachery with the Uitlanders.

By force of a popular vote the government required a poll, Cronje has been, since the day of Smit's death, tacitly acknowledged the People's General of the Transvaal.

Wily and farseeing as is Piet Joubert, no man of them all can handle troops in the field as Cronje. He has the eye of a hawk for position, the nose of a jackal for signs of weakness in an enemy. His manoeuvring of Jameson was that of an Oliver Cromwell.

Cronje was commandant at Potchefstroom seventy miles to the south of Kruger's lair, when Jameson crossed the border. He co-operated with Malan and Potgieter, but the conduct of the fight lay with the cool head of Cronje.

That drizzly, misty night made Cronje a war god among the Boers.

And yet these stolid veldt-men give little demonstration of their admiration. The Boers are not a grateful nation, as the Americans with their Dewey or we British with our Elchenburg are grateful. Days after the battle I saw Cronje riding heavily down the Keerkskraal in Pretoria, a heavily, big-boned peasant upon a shaggy, tripping pony. No man touched his hat to him, few accosted him.

And yet it is significant that Cronje among the Boers is always known as "Commandant" Cronje. There is a rule of dignity about the man that compels so much respect. Other men are known by their Christian names—"Smit Piet," Joubert, "Gert," Cronje, "Oom," "Oom Jan," "Oom Meyer"—occasionally, but rarely nowadays, "Oom Paul" Kruger. In a place apart stands "Commandant" Cronje. Cronje was not even specifically thanked

by the volksraad for his great services to the state at Doornkop. He was a burgher; it was his duty to repel the invader; he repelled him—and there the matter rested. They would have censured him had he failed; they refrained from comment when he succeeded.

Cronje, riding back to Pretoria, had no guard of honor to receive him, no great civic function to fete him, no swoon of honor to adorn him. He was plain peasant Cronje, returning, heavy-hearted, from his wounded son's pallet in Krugersdorp hospital, somewhat weary in the bones from those long hours in the steaming saddle, nowise elevated, nowise altered from his everyday demeanor.

Since then Cronje has received a seat in the executive council, and is now a personage with a substantial salary; but the man is no way changed. He was thought to be a supporter of the President's when he joined the executive council, but neither Kruger nor Joubert has found him amenable. He is not of the race that makes the party man. He is as individual as Kruger, strong in the faith of his own generosity, as Joubert.

In the early days of 1895 it was thought Cronje might oppose Kruger for the presidency. But his ambitions lie elsewhere. To be Immured in Pretoria were to Cronje an imprisonment. He is a man of a void, born there, and asking no better fate than to die there, lie in hand, as becomes a hunter and a soldier.

THE BATTLE.

The heavens resound with the thunder
That rolls from a hundred guns,
And the earth is riven asunder
By the missiles of Titan's sons.
The walls are falling in patches
And the hills the liveliest foe.
And the bodies of Boers in batches
Are laid on the green sward low.

Their cannon, one after another,
Cease to belch and below and roar,
And the shells that rattle and smother
Come seldom more than before.
Each Briton his weapon clenches,
He will hammer with all his might,
They have set them to clear the trenches
Ere the sun goes down to-night.

Far down by the side of the river
Our brave ones have gone at the run,
While our howitzers crash and quiver
And belch the smoke of gun.
They enter the brim of the water,
And cross to the further side
They fear not, nor swerve, nor falter,
This death-dealing human tide.

But they have not escaped the foe man,
The Boers are visible with blood,
From a hundred wounds, yet no man
Is daunted—they dash through the flood.
Their numbers each moment increasing,
They scatter, and creep, and crawl,
While the Mauser's zip-zip is increasing,
And boom files the cannon ball.

They are darting from shelter to shelter,
Getting nearer and nearer the foe;
In the glare of the sun they swelter,
All eager to strike the blow.
Each bayonet now outflashes
As they reach the foot of the height,
While a volley of bullets crashes
Around, almost darkening sight.

With a fiend-like yelling and cheering
They charge on the heights at a run;
Grim men are they all, and unfeeling;
They'll finish what they have begun.
The voortrekkers dash from their ditches,
And fly as the chaff from the wind;
Nor dare they, for Goleda's riches,
To look for a moment behind.

The cavalry dash in and route them;
They trample them down to the earth,
With sword and with lance lay about them,
Of slaughter there is no dearth.
The victors, now buoyant with gladness,
Will rest from the bloody strife;
But their joy will be mingled with sadness
As they think of the cost in life.

The kopjes are strewn with the dying,
Intertwined with the wounded and dead,
And the debris of war is lying
On the heights, all carnage-red;
And the piercing shrieks of the gory,
As they lie in their blood and pain,
Shed a lurid light on the glory
That battle has given again.

There are maidens that mourn their lovers,
There are mothers that mourn their sons,
The spectre of hunger hovers
Over the widowed and orphaned ones,
Not alone on the field of battle
Is the torture and agony borne,
Far away from the cannon's rattle
The hearts of the loving are torn.

May God speed the day of the ending
Of war, with its clashing of arms;
May peace from the heavens down-bending
Replace all its cruel alarms.
Speed the day when hateful oppression
Shall yield to the breath from above,
When men shall give free expression
To themselves in brotherly love.

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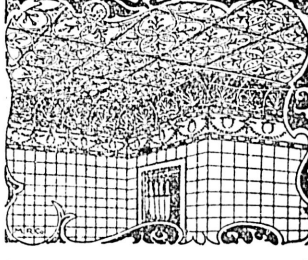
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